

REMARKS

The Final Office Action has been carefully considered. There are twenty-eight claims pending in this application, numbered 1-8, 11-17, 19, and 27-38. There are two independent claims, numbered 1 and 27. Claims 2-8, 11-17 and 19 depend on independent claim 1, and claims 28-38 depend on claim 27. Claim 1 has been amended and claim 10 has been deleted. Claims 27-38 are newly added.

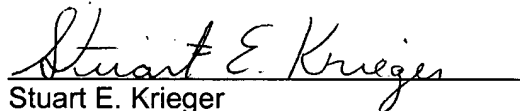
The Examiner has indicated the allowability of former dependent claims 10 and 13 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 10 which is dependent thereon. It is believed that claim 1 and all the claims dependent thereon are in condition for allowance. Claim 10 has been deleted. Furthermore, newly added independent claim 27 includes the limitations of claim 1 and dependent claim 13. It is believed that claim 27 and all the claims dependent thereon are in condition for allowance.

Allowance of this application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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